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All for the Love of Chocolate

February 2011

Last Monday, on Valentine's Day, Fort Wayne alumni competed for DeBrand's chocolate on our [FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center page](#). Alumni were encouraged to share how they met their Valentine, their first date or their proposal while at Fort Wayne. The person who received the most "likes" was sent a box of DeBrand's chocolate.

28 alumni from the classes of 1945 through 2009 left their stories. **Beth g04 (and Tim g06) Groman** (pictured here) had the most "likes" for their story, and they won a half-pound box of DeBrand's Chocolates.



The response was so good, additional awards were given:

- Best Proposal - **April g05** (and Jason) **Ruggles**.
- Best First Date to Proposal - **Kevin g98 (and Cathy fs99) DeVries**.

The 28 alumni who put their stories on the official [FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center page](#) will be sent a DeBrand's Chocolate bar.

Late last week, we had a discussion about our favorite Fort Wayne restaurants on the site. [Click here](#) to join in the discussion or to participate in the next contest or to see the latest information from Fort Wayne alumni and friends. Please "Like" our page!

As We Pray



Please join me this week in praying for Taylor faculty, staff, and students along with those in Christ-centered higher education during Taylor's Parent Prayer Week. Fort Wayne Alumni are welcome to join Taylor parents around the country to pray during the week of February 21-26. There are a number of prayer gatherings around the country. If you can't

attend a Prayer Gathering, join a "gathering" on the Facebook group [Taylor University Current Parents!](#) "Voice" your prayers in the form of wall posts to encourage each other and the entire Taylor family! For more information or to find a prayer location, please [click here](#).

The FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center is also available throughout the year for groups of alumni or friends to pray Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. We have plenty of space for individuals or groups to pray either in solitude or collectively. If you have a specific need you would like our Volunteer Alumni Prayer Team, under the leadership of **Violet Ringenberg g45** to pray for you, please email me at alumnifw@taylor.edu.

FW Athletic Hall of Fame: Dinner & Inductions on April 1

The third class of the Fort Wayne Athletic Hall of Fame has been identified, and a special dinner and induction ceremony will be held Friday, April 1 starting with a reception at 6 p.m. and then the dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Eicher Student Commons.

Fort Wayne alumni and friends are invited to attend this special dinner and program, where we celebrate the accomplishments on and off the court of these former athletes and team. While the dinner is complimentary for those being inducted and their spouse or special guest, we are asking for \$15 to help us cover the cost of the family-style meal and program.

Those being inducted this year:

- **Cal Rychener g81**
- **Tom Rust g72**
- **Corey Laster g93**
- TUFW 2006 National Basketball Championship Team

To reserve your seat(s), please email alumnifw@taylor.edu for more information.

Samuel Morris Book Available

Samuel Morris' legacy touched the City of Fort Wayne, Taylor University and even had a part in our Fort Wayne campus heritage. The [Fort Wayne Online Store](#) now has his compelling story available for just \$7. Jorge O. Masa's *Life and Message of Samuel Morris* is a 140-page book that includes the journey of Prince Kaboo's enslavement in Africa, his amazing opportunity to come to America, and his impact on the Taylor University community. This leather-bound edition includes photos of Samuel Morris, his missionary friends, and his historical gravestone at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Ind. Order this keepsake today!



Blessings,

Michael D. Mortensen g91
Director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Relations



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- **Dick Baxter g70**, past president of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Heritage Association and faithful volunteer at the Resource Center, has recently been



[posting pictures on Facebook](#) to try to identify people. He has been pleased with the responses. Not only have some former students been identified, but he then has become friends with many on Facebook. Some have even made these pictures he found their profile pictures. You can "Like" our Facebook page at FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center to reminisce, remember and reflect. You too may find some former classmates and friends!

- **Bruce and Dawn Cluckie g89** were recently featured in the [Journal Gazette](#) detailing their ministry in Guinea, where they continue to serve with World Partners USA. Thank you Bruce and Dawn for your witness and work.

- Please mark your calendars for **"FW Celebrates" on September 23-24**, as plans are underway for several alumni events for all generations. Initial plans include a possible soccer reunion game, Singspiration, select class reunions with special recognition for the Class of 1961, Movie on the Lawn and a bonfire in the woods. If you are interested in assisting with a certain event, please email alumnifw@taylor.edu, so we can get you plugged in to the planning.



Are we up-to-date?

Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed so that we can stay in touch with you.

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Zip: 46807

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You can update your information by giving us a call or email. Note: If you share an email address with your spouse, only one of your names will appear above.

if we can help you in any way, please contact the Alumni & Friends Resource Center at (260) 744-8790 during regular business hours or e-mail alumnifw@taylor.edu anytime!